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SUBJECT: MUSHROOMS
REF: QUITO 331

1. FDA LEARNED OF THE DISCOVERY OF CONTAMINATED MUSHROOMS
IN A MILITARY WAREHOUSE IN FLORIDA ON JANUARY 11. TESTS,
CONDUCTED BY FDA, CONFIRMED THE EXISTENCE OF BOTULINUM
SPORES IN LOT NUMBERS:

-- B 3HOE PACKED FEBRUARY 15, 1973
-- B 3HQE PACKED FEBRUARY 17, 1973

THESE LOT NUMBERS REFER TO 4-OUNCE CANS OF SLICED MUSH-
ROOMS. FDA ALSO HAS PRELIMINARY INDICATIONS OF SURVIVING
MICROORGANISMS IN LOT NUMBERS:

-- P 3HTE
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-- 52 ICE

THE SURVIVAL OF SUCH MICROORGANISMS INDICATES THAT DURING
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PROCESSING THESE MUSHROOMS WERE NOT REPEAT NOT HEATED TO A

TEMPERATURE SUFFICIENT TO DESTROY THEM. THEIR EXISTENCE IS

PARTICULARLY DISTURBING SINCE THE DESTRUCTION OF BOTULINUM SPORES REQUIRES HIGHER TEMPERATURES THAN THOSE NEEDED TO KILL THE AFOREMENTIONED MICROORGANISMS.

2. THE OPERATIVE PARAGRAPHS OF THE FDA PRESS RELEASE FOLLOW. FULL TEXT IS BEING POUCHED.

3. "THE FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION ANNOUNCED TODAY (JAN 17) THAT AMERICAN MUSHROOM CORPORATION, WILMINGTON, DELAWARE, IS VOLUNTARILY RECALLING ALL 2-OUNCE AND 4-OUNCE CANS OF MUSHROOMS PRODUCED IN THE COMPANY'S ECUADOR PLANT AND DISTRIBUTED UNDER THE ROYAL TREAT LABEL."

4. "AMERICAN INITIATED THE RECALL AFTER ANALYSIS OF SWOLLEN CANS FOUND AT A MILITARY WAREHOUSE REVEALED THE PRESENCE OF SPORES WITH THE POTENTIAL TO DEVELOP BOTULINUM TOXIN. TESTS BY A MILITARY LABORATORY REVEALED BOTULINUM TYPE B SPORES. THESE FINDINGS WERE CONFIRMED BY FDA LABORATORIES."

5. "THE MUSHROOM PRODUCTS UNDER RECALL WERE PACKED AT AMERICANS CANNERY IN QUITO, ECUADOR AND THE LABEL CLEARLY SPECIFIES THAT THE MUSHROOMS ARE PRODUCTS OF ECUADOR. THE IDENTIFICATION CODE EMBOSSSED ON THE CANS BEING RECALLED IS A ONE-LINE CODE ENDING WITH THE LETTER "E". DISTRIBUTION IS NATIONAL TO SUPERMARKET CHAINS AND SOME MILITARY ACCOUNTS. AMERICAN MUSHROOM ALSO PACKS MUSHROOMS IN OTHER COUNTRIES AND DOMESTICALLY. THESE PRODUCTS ARE NOT BEING RECALLED." RUSH

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